

## Andrew Jackson to Richard Keith Call, October 18, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL RICHARD K. CALL.

Hermitage, October 18, 1828.

. . . . Col Combs has lately visited Nashville as the *pimp* of Clay, and the Shelbys. This is an honorable station for a Col and member of the Legislature of Kentucky to fill. The Col may be a good *pimp*, but I do not believe he would make a good diplomatist—before he is done with his mission, I expect he will find himself in the same disgrace, with his colleagues Col Andrew Erwin, Dr McNairy, Wm. P. Anderson and Tanyhill, who are only thought of here to be despised.

I regret Col Butler had not sent on his statement direct to me, that it might have been embodied with yours, Eatons, Winchesters, Smiths, and others, which when seen, hands down Thos Shelby and Todd with infamy and disgrace to posterity—and if they establish the sayings on the old Govr. which they have ascribed to him, his memory is damb forever.